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TAX COLLECTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been commensurate increase in tax collections after the broad-basing of tax net;

(b) whether the tax collection expenses have also recorded an increase in tune with the broadening of tax base;

(c) if so, whether other taxpayer friendly measures are being taken to increase tax revenue thereby saving on the tax collection expenses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No sir, there has been no significant increase in the tax collection expenses.

(c) & (d) Some of the tax friendly measures are: simplified tax returns with structural guidance for filling-up; selection of only 1% of the returns filed for scrutiny; issue of a vision document and a `Citizen`s charter` for time bound action in various areas of public dealing; reduction of time limit for various actions like assessment, issue of refund, disposal of appeal etc for quicker action/decision and large-scale computerisation of the Income-tax Department.